

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A cosmetic composition comprising:
  - 5 (i) from about 0.001 to about 5% by weight of a polysaccharide gum;
  - (ii) from about 0.001 to about 10% by weight of a taurate copolymer; and
  - (iii) a cosmetically acceptable carrier, wherein the composition has a pH of less than 7.
- 10 2. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the polysaccharide is selected from the group consisting of xanthan, sclerotium, pectin, karaya, arabic, agar, guar, carrageenan, alginate and combinations thereof.
- 15 3. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the taurate copolymer is at least partially formed from acryloyl dimethyltaurate as a monomer unit.

4. A composition according to claim 3 wherein the acryloyl dimethyltaurate is copolymerized with a monomer selected from the group consisting of styrene, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, vinyl chloride, vinyl acetate, vinyl pyrrolidone, isoprene, vinyl alcohol, vinyl 5 methylether, chloro-styrene, maleic acid, acrylamide, methacrylamide and mixtures thereof.

10 5. A composition according to claim 4 wherein the taurate copolymer is acryloyl dimethyltaurate/vinyl pyrrolidone copolymer.

15 6. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the polysaccharide is xanthan gum and the taurate copolymer is acryloyl dimethyltaurate/vinyl pyrrolidone copolymers.

20 7. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the pH ranges from about 1 to about 6.

8. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the pH ranges from 2.5 to 3.8.

25 9. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the polysaccharide ranges in amount from about 0.1 to about 2% and the taurate copolymer ranges in amount from about 0.1 to about 5%.